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E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS AND DETAILS OF THE EMBASSY'S CONTACTS WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE (NSS) IN THE IVERSON CASE. END SUMMARY.

2. CHRONOLOGY AS GIVEN BY IVERSON WITH THE RSO, PSO AND CO MSG CO "F" PRESENT:

8/26 2030 HRS IVERSON WAS DROPPED OFF AT THE FRENCH CHARGE'S HOUSE, WHERE A PARTY WAS IN PROGRESS.

2345 HRS IVERSON LEFT THE PARTY WITH MS. IRMHIED SCHELLENBERGER A SECRETARY AT THE FEDERAL GERMAN EMBASSY, AND TWO BRITISH GIRLS IN MS. SCHELLENBERGER'S CAR. SHE DROVE THEM TO THE EMBASSY'S KM-7 COMPOUND TO PICK UP IVERSON'S GEAR PRIOR TO GOING ON DUTY.

8/27 0010 HRS THEY LEFT KM-7 AND DROVE INTO TOWN TO TAKE THE TWO BRITISH GIRLS HOME AND TO DROP IVERSON OFF AT THE EMBASSY.

0015 HRS ARRIVED AT THE BRITISH GIRLS'S HOME IN A NEIGH-  
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BORHOOD UNFAMILIAR TO IVERSON AND SCHELLENBERGER.

AFTER DROPPING THE GIRLS OFF, SCHELLENBERGER, WHO WAS STILL DRIVING, PROCEEDED UP A NARROW SIDE STREET. REALIZING THAT SHE WAS ON THE WRONG STREET, SCHELLENBERGER TURNED INTO A DRIVEWAY TO TURN AROUND. THIS TURNED OUT TO BE THE DRIVEWAY LEADING INTO THE NSS COMPOUND. SCHELLENBERGER DROVE OUT AFTER NO MORE THAN 2 OR 3 MINUTES. AT THE TIME, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT ENTRY WAS RESTRICTED; SINCE THEN, A CHAIN HAS BEEN THROWN ACROSS THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE.

0025 HRS WHILE PROCEEDING DOWN THE DRIVEWAY TO LEAVE THE COMPOUND, IVERSON AND THE GIRL NOTICED A CAR WITH BRIGHT HEADLIGHTS APPROACHING VERY FAST FROM BEHIND. IN THE STREET, ABOUT 100 YARDS FROM THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE, ANOTHER CAR (FIAT) PULLED IN FRONT OF THEM, BLOCKING THEIR WAY. THE CAR APPROACHING FROM BEHIND STOPPED AND BLOCKED THEM FROM THAT DIRECTION.

0030-0100 NSS OFFICERS GOT OUT OF THE TWO CARS AND WALKED IVERSON AND THE GIRL BACK INTO THE COMPOUND. NO FORCE WAS USED AND NO RESISTANCE WAS OFFERED. THE PAIR WAS QUESTIONED FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES. DURING THE QUESTIONING, IVERSON GAVE HIS NAME AS "CHARLIE DANIELS." HE HAD NOT BEEN IN COUNTRY LONG ENOUGH TO HAVE RECEIVED THE STANDARD GSDR ID CARD AND CARRIED NO OTHER IDENTIFICATION.

0100-0200 PUT INTO A CELL WITH THE GIRL.

0200-0215 IVERSON TAKEN OUT AND QUESTIONED AGAIN. AT THIS AND ALL OF THE INTERROGATION SESSIONS, THE NSS OFFICERS ASKED ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE INCIDENT AND NOT ABOUT THE EMBASSY, AS SUCH.

0215 HRS IVERSON RETURNED TO CELL.

0300 HRS IVERSON AND SCHELLENBERGER WERE TAKEN IN AN NSS CAR TO ANOTHER COMPOUND, WHICH NSS OFFICERS CALLED A PRISON. IVERSON WAS ASKED TO SIGN A RECEIPT FOR HIS BELONGINGS, AS WELL AS A SCRAP OF PAPER OF WHICH HE WAS NOT TOLD THE PURPOSE. HE SIGNED IN BOTH CASES WITH HIS TRUE NAME. HE AND SCHELLENBERGER WERE THEN PLACED IN SEPARATE

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CELLS.

0900 HRS IVERSON WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE CELL BRIEFLY TO GET SOME AIR. HE ASKED WHEN HE WOULD BE RELEASED. HE WAS TOLD THAT SOMEONE FROM THE EMBASSY WOULD BE THERE TO GET HIM AT 1300 HRS.

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1630 HRS TAKEN OUT OF THE CELL AGAIN. IVERSON ASKED WHEN HE WOULD BE RELEASED. HE WAS TOLD THAT SOMEONE FROM THE EMBASSY WOULD BE THERE AT 1800 HRS.

2100 HRS TAKEN OUT OF THE CELL AGAIN. NSS INTERROGATORS ASKED HIM WHY HE HAD GIVEN THE FALSE NAME OF CHARLIE DANIELS. IVERSON GAVE NO ANSWER AND WAS RETURNED TO THE CELL.

2330 HS TAKEN OUT OF THE CELL TO GO TO THE BATHROOM  
8/28 0430 HRS NSS OFFICERS TOOK IVERSON OUT OF THE CELL AND TOLD HIM HE WAS ABOUT TO BE RELEASED. THEY ASKED HIM WHERE HE LIVED. THEY ALSO ASKED HIM TO WRITE DOWN HIS FULL NAME, HIS PARENTS' NAMES, AND HIS JOB AT THE EMBASSY. THEY DROVE HIM TO THE IM-7 COMPOUND IN AN NSS CAR.

0445 HRS IVERSON WAS RELEASED ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE MAIN GATE OF THE KM-7 COMPOUND.

3. TEXT OF MEMORANDUM REPORTING THE DCM'S ONE MEETING WITH THE NSS OFFICER, MOHAMED, AT WHICH MOHAMED SAID HE ACCEPTED THAT THE INCIDENT HAD BEEN AN "HONEST MISTAKE." FYI: MOHAMED WAS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE FACTS AS HE HAD BEEN ONE OF IVERSON'S INTERROGATORS. END FYI. QUOTE:  
POST SECURITY OFFICER GREGORY L. HONSON, MARINE SECURITY  
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GUARD ROBER W. IVERSON, AND I PAID A CALL ON THE NSS ON AUGUST 29, 1976, IN CONNECTION WITH IVERSON'S AUGUST 27 ARREST FOR TRESPASSING ON NSS PROPERTY.

THE NSS OFFICES WERE LOCATED ON A SIDE STREET LEADING FROM CITY HALL SQUARE; I DON'T KNOW THE NAME OF THE STREET. AFTER PULLING UP IN FRONT OF THE NSS COMPOUND, WE WERE ASKED TO LEAVE OUR CAR ON THE STREET. WE ENTERED THE COMPOUND THROUGH A HIGH METAL GATE AND WERE SHOWN TO AN OUTDOOR WAITING AREA. WE WAITED ABOUT TEN MINUTES BEFORE AN NSS OFFICER IN CIVILIAN DRESS, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF ONLY AS MOHAMED, APPROACHED US AND ASKED US TO JOIN HIM IN HIS OFFICE.

JOHNSON EXPLAINED TO MOHAMED THAT IVERSON HAD COME TO RECLAIM AN ALARM CLOCK AND WATCH RETAINED BY THE NSS AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT ANY CHARGES PENDING AGAINST HIM. HE SAID THE EMBASSY WAS SATISFIED THAT IVERSON'S TRESPASS HAD BEEN UNINTENTIONAL AND HE THANKED MOHAMED FOR THE PROPER TREATMENT ACCORDED IVERSON DURING HIS DETENTION. MOHAMED HANDED IVERSON HIS ALARM CLOCK AND WATCH AND SAID THE NSS HAD NOT FILED ANY CHARGES AGAINST HIM; THE CASE WAS CLOSED.

WE LEFT MOHAMED'S OFFICE AFTER A FEW MORE MINUTES OF SMALL TALK, HAVING BEEN THERE NOT MORE THAN SEVEN OR EIGHT MINUTES IN ALL. COMMENT: AT ALL TIMES DURING THE INTERVIEW, MOHAMED WAS CORRECT AND CORDIAL. UNQUOTE

4. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT HEARD FROM THE FREIGN MINISTRY SINCE THE AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL DR. ABDURAHMAN JAMA BARRE ON AUGUST 31. CONCEIVABLY, ABDURAHMAN MAY HAVE HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ON FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH FORMAL PNG ACTION AGAINST IVERSON. IN PREVIOUS CASES OF THIS KIND, HOWEVER, THERE HAS USUALLY BEEN A DELAY OF SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE A NOTE VERBALE CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL WAS DELIVERED. WHATEVER ABDURAHMAN MAY DO, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A TIMELY INTERVIEW WITH SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU IN WASHINGTON WILL HELP TO ESTABLISH THESE POINTS: A) THE USG DOES NOT WANT A CONFRONTATION WITH THE GSDR ON A PERIPHERAL AND MINOR ISSUE, B) BUT WE CANNOT  
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COOPERATE IN AN ARBITRARY AND QUESTIONABLE ACTION AGAINST A U.S. DIPLOMAT BY SENDING HIM AWAY QUIETLY, C) ESPECIALLY WHEN THE GSDR WAS AT FAULT IN HOLDING HIM INCOMMUNICADO SO LONG.

A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE NSS TO THE EMBASSY COULD HAVE ESTABLISHED HIS IDENTIFY IN FIVE MINUTES (IVERSON CONSISTENTLY SAID HE WAS EMPLOYED AT THE EMBASSY EVEN WHILE GIVING A FALSE NAME).

5. AFTER THE ABOVE WAS WRITTEN, WE LEARNED THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A VERBAL APOLOGY FOR SCHELLENBERGER'S DETENTION.

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